

Maximum reflectance and transmittance of films coated with gapped graphene in the context of the Dirac model

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Abstract

© 2018 American Physical Society. The analytic expressions for the maximum and minimum reflectances of optical films coated with gapped graphene are derived in the application region of the Dirac model taking into account multiple reflections. The respective film thicknesses are also found. In so doing the film material is described by the frequency-dependent index of refraction and graphene by the polarization tensor defined along the real frequency axis. The developed formalism is illustrated by an example of the graphene-coated film made of amorphous silica. Numerical computations of the maximum and minimum reflectances and respective film thicknesses are performed at room temperature in two frequency regions belonging to the near-infrared and far-infrared domains. It is shown that in the far-infrared domain the graphene coating has a profound effect on the values of maximum reflectance and respective film thickness leading to a relative increase in their values by up to 65% and 50%, respectively. The maximum transmittance of a graphene-coated film of appropriately chosen thickness is shown to exceed 90%. Possible applications of the obtained results are discussed.

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